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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 22, 2002, please amend this
application as follows:

In the claims:

Please substitute each of the following claims for the pending claim of the same number:

Please cancel ~~claim~~ 20.

17 (Amended). A healthcare information system, comprising:

a plurality of provider office systems, each provider office system comprising
circuitry for generating referral requests with reference to a database associating